

ATTENDEES NAME

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Brian Weber welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were no corrections. Minutes approved as distributed.

Brian informed the ones that weren't at the last meeting that they discussed the Purdue/West Lafayette Transportation Plan, with reviewing and approving it into the transportation plan.

Doug Poad stated it was a very interesting plan and gave a brief update. After this body heard the presentation, it was presented to the Administrative Committee. That Committee is comprised of the Mayors, President of the County Commissioners, and Representatives from the City Councils, County Council and Chairman of the GLPTC. They approved the Plan.

At the Administrative Committee meeting the Federal Highway Representative had a few questions. One of them was being a little more specific in laying out the proposed projects. **Doug** then reviewed the proposed improvements. He added that the system is similar to 350 S, 475 and US 231 around Lafayette, West Lafayette or like Indianapolis I465. Other changes will be inside campus including making the campus more pedestrian or student friendly. Students can then walk, bicycle or use the transit system. The goal is to have the majority of the cars park on the outskirts and the major reason is they want to keep the times between classes to 10 minutes.

Steve Clevenger stated he could appreciate it because it does take quite a bit of time for pedestrians to cross in traffic.

Doug stated that in 20 – 25 years you won't be able to drive through on State Street. Certain streets will be only for buses. It will be quite a while before that is done. The approximate cost is just under \$30,000,000.

The next step is the Area Plan Commission presentation for their approval. Once they approve it, then it officially becomes part of the Transportation Plan for 2025. It will then be presented to the Lafayette, West Lafayette City Councils, to the Board of Commissioners and to the three Town Boards for their review and hopeful approval. Once that is done, it then becomes part of the County's Comprehensive Plan. It will carry more of an official weight in the eyes of the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.

III. PROGRAM

2004 Annual Building Permit Data Summary

Brian handed out information and presented a summary. The Area Plan Commission keeps track of building permits regarding where housing units of various types are being built in the county. The handout is just a year-end summary of building permits. The first summary is what happened in 2004. The handout shows the break down by jurisdictions: Lafayette, West Lafayette, and Tippecanoe County. There were 981 single-family dwelling units permitted in Tippecanoe County. That is almost two-thirds of the total for the entire county. The accompanying chart indicated that eight months out of the year were recording breaking months. They were January, February, March, April, June, July, August and December.

On the second sheet, table one shows the number of housing units permitted over the last 6 years. It presents the information by jurisdiction and by year. Looking at the totals, there were 834 single-family units permitted in Tippecanoe County in 1999. It dropped off a little in 2000 to 753, but the number steadily inclined over the next four years. In 2004 there was 1204 single-family units permitted. This is quite a big jump. **Brian** pointed out that multi-family units are moving in the opposite direction. In 1999 there were 724 multi-family units permitted. The number jumped to 1108 in 2000, but it declined since 2001. The 2004 number was almost 1/10 of the 2000 total. Figure one shows the trends.

Brian stated that table two shows single-family permits broke down by jurisdiction. He gave the example for Lafayette. In 1999, there were 277 dwelling units permitted, but in 2004 there were only 170. He added that this could possibly be explained by the building out of certain subdivisions within Lafayette. As the development presses outward it is just natural to see a decline of the number of permits issued within the city of Lafayette. In West Lafayette the percentages seem to be more dramatic but the base numbers are smaller. There is a smaller range from 29 to 53. In Tippecanoe County there was at ten percent decline in 2000, but there has been a steady increase after that.

Brian stated he enjoyed showing these graphically. He handed out several maps. These showed new dwelling units in Tippecanoe County by census block. He then explained what census blocks were. Each map shows one-year's worth of new dwelling unit permits in Tippecanoe County. The maps show where development is occurring in the County. He then pointed out the locations.

Scott Brown asked if this included single-family, duplexes and multi-family units. **Brian** answered that it did. He then compared the two maps to show where the increases and decreases were in the County. He stated most of the development was occurring around the fringes of Lafayette, especially to the south.

Doug stated that at least the colored blocks aren't scattered through out the County. The growth areas are fairly close to or at the city boundaries.

Steve asked if there was a particular reason why they are going just outside the boundaries of the city limits? **Doug** stated that utilities are available to these areas and it also could be where land is available. It is good that we have compact growth. We don't have a lot of traffic coming in from the county. All of the growth is comprised in certain spots.

Brian stated that the blue census block on the 2004 maps indicates that there were over 200 dwelling units permitted. That was just in Benjamin Crossing alone. **Brian** pointed out that there were no dwelling unit permits issued in Jackson Township.

Doug stated that Brian keeps track of demolition permits. **Brian** added that the legend shows the different categories and he point out that there were no dwelling unit permits issued in over 3200 census blocks.

Doug mentioned that the 2003 map is on the APC Transportation web site. We will also be putting the 2004 map up too.

Brian asked if there were any more questions.

Discussion ensued concerning the different growth areas.

A question arose regarding the locating of new permits north of West Lafayette. **Brian** stated he would do some checking on addresses. **Doug** added that a consultant was hired to inventory all of the home address in the county and this information would make our maps more accurate.

Land Use Survey Data Summary

Doug presented a summary. The Area Plan Commission and other agencies conducted a county wide comprehensive land use survey. The survey involved teams of two people in each vehicle driving, visually inspecting each house and each building, and recording the information on an aerial photograph. The information included building condition and occupancy. If the building contained a business, the information included what type of business it was. The teams recorded if the business was commercial, retail or service. Businesses were also determined to be wholesale or warehouses, manufacturing employers, anything related to transportation such as trucking, bus company, or cab companies. Utility buildings are also included, such as Vectron and Verizon. Unfortunately they usually do not have a name on the building. Regarding residential buildings, the information is broken down by single-family homes, duplexes or multi-family apartments. It was a very comprehensive survey and it took a long time to do. We had a large group of people from both Cities and other agencies helping.

Scott asked how long did it take. **Doug** stated the survey was started in October of 2003 and it was finished in May and June of 2004. The information was then transcribed over to a computer database. We had a smaller staff performing that task so it took much longer.

Steve asked if these were the current aerials on GIS.

Doug mentioned that there were 47,366 buildings surveyed. Quality control was also done after the data was inputted. **Doug** explained how it was done. The surveyors actually looked at 63,805 dwelling units in Tippecanoe County, which included single-family homes, duplexes and apartments. An apartment complex may have 100-150 units and they are all counted as dwelling units. The census plus our building demolition permits came up with 64,072, which is only a difference of 267 or less than ½%. Overall we did very well. All of the census tracts we looked at had less than a 5% difference but most were less than 1%. **Doug** explained how they were using the data. It will be used to develop a new traffic model, which APC staff has already started to do.

Doug handed out a table and then explained it. He explained how buildings were graded and what the grade meant. He then stated how many buildings were in each grade and showed them on a map.

Paul Slavens stated you see more apartments to rent in town.

Steve asked if the high number of Cs and Ds in Washington Township are related to the flooding? **Doug** said it possibly could be. **Steve** stated you also have the houses in the floodplain and the owners can't do any substantial improvements to them because they are in the floodplain.

Doug stated that the next step is to look at the areas and see where improvements need to be made. He added that the land use data is packed full of information. One can look at where businesses, warehouses, and houses are. It is very easy to sort by the information you are wanting to look at.

Scott asked if the data is going to be available to the public. **Doug** replied that if it is, it might be sold. **Pat** questioned why would the information be sold. **Doug** replied that it would be to recover the cost of the diskette.

Paul asked if actual addresses were used. **Doug** said no. He added that there has been a lot of discussion about the next survey and how it can be improved. New aerials will be flown soon and the massive address work is nearly complete. Maybe next time the survey crews will have laptops and the information will be entered right in the field.

Scott asked when was the last time the survey was done. **Doug** replied that the last survey was done in 1999. We did that one for the transportation plan update. The one before that was done in 1987. APC tries to do one every ten years since it is very staff intensive. It's a lot of time and work. We are updating the Transportation Plan and also the Housing Plan. That has not been done since 1981. The cities will be using this data to for their reports they have to do.

Pat asked if APC only looked at housed that were C and D. **Doug** replied that for tonight, this was all he could pull out.

Pat asked if this information shown tonight is new information. **Doug** said yes.

Pat asked are we free to share this info? **Doug** replied that they could.

IV. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR SUGGESTIONS

Doug asked if anyone had any questions or if there was a topic someone was interested in.

Pat asked if we knew anything about the Brady Lane project. **Doug** said that it is under construction and there is a telephone number you can call if you have any questions. **Gina** said there is a hotline, and also there's a website you can go to.

Pat said that the homeowners have been going to a lot of meetings and maybe I can get it from one of the bus moms.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Brian asked if there were any comments or suggestions.

Paul asked if the County could put some reflectors or tape at 9th Street and Burnetts Road. He added that it is hard to see at night. **Doug** said he would check into it.

Discussion ensued about roads and barriers. **Doug** explained why several barriers were put up. After they were, accidents went down drastically. He then reviewed some of the roads that the state and the city were going to widen and improve.

Steve asked about the median project on Sagamore Parkway. He stated that it looks like they are going to start some more. **Doug** said he thought the Indiana Department of Transportation had the project on this month's letting and the project includes redoing the remaining medians that are south of SR 26.

Doug informed all that the road replacement project of US 52 includes replacing the road completely, all of the pavements, and putting in sidewalks, new curbs, drains and new gutters. This a major project and will probably start in 2007 or 2008. **Steve** asked what were the beginning and end points of the project. **Doug** said that it will be from SR 38 to Greenbush Street. The State will also be improving US 52 north of Greenbush Street, but that will be later.

Doug informed the committee that the Record of Decision was made by the Federal Highway Administration regarding the Hoosier Heartland Corridor. INDOT can no proceed and do the full design work.

Pat stated she thought West Lafayette started an initiative to make 52 more pedestrian friendly. **Doug** said that West Lafayette is very proactive, not only with that issue, but also with building trails. The city has now over ten miles of trails. The City of Lafayette is a little bit behind and has a nice trail on the south side of the City. Discussion ensued about trails.

Steve said that it would be a lot of work, but it would be interesting to have dwelling units by subdivision lots instead of by census blocks.

Doug stated that Don Lamb keeps track of subdivision and also the number of lots in each.

Doug thanked everyone for coming and stated that the County is updating its website. It should be released in the next two months. The APC site will still have all of the maps, building permit reports, and more.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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